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FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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S.R.O. No. 585/2014—Government have been pleased to adopt the system of working of bamboo in the forests during the current year 2014-15 working season as per the following arrangements :—

(1) Working of bamboo forest in the areas excluding the forest areas allotted to JFM Committee and forest areas over which either community rights have been granted under Forest Right (FR) Act or community rights have been applied for by the community under Forest Right Act will be allowed during 2014-15. Forest Right Holders will be required to take up bamboo cutting scientifically for which field officials of Forest & Environment Department will extend the requisite support. Transit permit will be issued by the Gram Sabha for which permit books will be supplied by the Forest Department free of cost. The Scheduled Tribe & Scheduled Cast Development Department with technical support of the Forest & Environment Department will make arrangement for assisting the community in preparation of Micro Plan for harvesting of bamboo. Forest Rights holder will be free to sell it to any buyer of their choice. In cases where Community Rights have been granted or applied for in respect of bamboo, the O.F.D.C. may take up the operations only on the request of the community and the value of the harvested bamboo will be passed onto the community after deducting the working cost.

(2) Working of bamboo forest will be regulated as per provision of Odisha Forest Produce (Control of Trade) Act 1981 and Odisha Forest Produce (Control of Trade) Rules, 1983 taking into account the approved working plans for Bamboo Forest.

(3) Bamboo working may be undertaken by O. F. D. C. by engagement of Raw Material Procurers (RMPs.) to be selected through transparent and competitive bidding process on division to division basis.

(4) Bamboo obtained by Forest Department out of seizure, departmental collection and Silvicultural operation etc; will be delivered at depots of O. F. D. C. for its disposal. Royalty payable on will be based on actual sale realized by O. F. D. C.

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By order of the Governor

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